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SUBJECT: LOPEZ STATE VISIT--FOREIGN MINISTER REQUESTS DATE CHANGE

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO HAS ASKED THAT WE RESCHEDULE THE LOPEZ STATE VISIT FOR THE ORIGINAL DATES OF SEPTEMBER 25 AND 26 INSTEAD OF 24 AND 25. LIEVANO VERY APOLOGETICALLY EXPLAINED THAT WHEN THEY SUGGESTED THE ONE DAY SHIFT FORWARD TO SEPT 24 THEY HAD NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFERRING THE PRESIDENCY TO THE ACTING PRESIDENT.

2. LIEVANO GAVE THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION. HE WILL BECOME ACTING PRESIDENT, SINCE TURBAY (THE DESIGNADO) WILL REMAIN IN WASHINGTON FOR THE VISIT AND HE (LIEVANO) IS THE NEXT RANKING LIBERAL MINISTER. HE MUST CONSTITUTIONALLY TAKE POSSESSION AND THE OATH BEFORE THE CONGRESS. CONGRESS DOES NOT MEET ON MONDAYS, AND THEREFORE WILL NOT MEET FOR THIS PURPOSE UNTIL THE AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23.

SINCE LOPEZ CANNOT LEAVE UNTIL LIEVANO TAKES POSSESSION LOPEZ CANNOT LEAVE COLOMBIA FOR THE US UNTIL SEPTEMBER 24.

LIEVANO SAID HE, THE PRESIDENT, TURBAY, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER AND EXAMINED

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ALL OPTIONS AND HAD DECIDED THEY HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO

REQUEST THAT THE VISIT BE RESCHEDULED TO THE ORIGINALLY  
AGREED UPON DATES OF SEPT 25 AND 26.

3. LIEVANO MADE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS REGARDING THE VISIT WHICH WILL BE OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT:

A. LOPEZ WOULD STAY IN WASHINGTON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, AND WOULD ALSO STAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, IN THE EVENT IT WAS DESIRABLE TO SCHEDULE SOME EVENTS THEN, SUCH AS A MEETING WITH IDB OR WORLD BANK.

B. HE WOULD WANT TO SPEND SUNDAY AND MONDAY IN NEW YORK, BUT ON A PRIVATE BASIS, I.E. NO PROTOCOL OR OFFICIAL EVENTS. HE WISHES, AS LIEVANO HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED US, TO HAVE SOME PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH BANKS.

C. ALTHOUGH THE MAKEUP OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED UPON, LIEVANO THOUGHT IT WOULD SURELY INCLUDE THE MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT, AND POSSIBLY THE DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING BOARD.

D. THE PRESIDENT NOW PLANS TO RETURN DIRECTLY TO COLOMBIA, AND WILL NOT RPT NOT VISIT COSTA RICA AS HE HAD ORIGINALLY THOUGHT TO DO.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. THE THE VISIT BE RESCHEDULED AS REQUESTED BY THE GOC, AND I BE AUTHORIZED TO SO CONFIRM.  
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